

Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC)

Minutes

April 9, 2014

Members Present

Janelle Lewis, Chair
Evelyn Abouhassen
Jennifer Allen
Ray Ceragioli
Lisa Davidson
Connie Lapin

Members Absent

Feda Almaliti
David Forderer
April Lopez

Others Attending

Mark Polit (Staff)
Robert Philips (Staff)
Gabriel Rogin (Staff)
David Grady (Staff)
Anastasia Bacigalupo (Staff)

1. CALL TO Order

Chairperson Lewis Called the meeting to order at 10.10 AM

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum was established

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2014 MINUTES

Connie Lapin moved and Lisa Davidson seconded to approve the March 5, 2014 minutes. Motion Passed (5-0-1).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

6. MEMBER REPORTS

Members gave reports of their activities.

7. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Mark Polit updated the committee that the Council will review the proposed platform at its May 29 Council meeting. Evelyn Abouhassen emphasized that the rate section be highlighted to the Council, so that family and consumer issues are primary. Mark explained that the second part of the rate section addresses that issue, and that the Council will be briefed

8. LEGISLATION

The committee discussed the state budget. No further actions were taken.

9. DC TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee discussed the task force recommendations and noted that supported living should have been highlighted more in the report as an option for people leaving developmental centers.

Ray Ceragioli moved and Connie Lapin seconded to recommend that the Council support in general the recommendations of the Task Force in principle. The motion carried 5-0-1

There was discussion about the meaning of “in general” and “in principle” as used in the motion. Some thought it meant “support”. The committee left it to the Council to further discuss.

10. LEGISLATION

A-.Status of Bills with Council Position – Mark Polit reviewed the status of bills, noting the new co-sponsorship of AB 2299 (Nazarian) and support for AB 1626.

B. AB 1089 (Calderon) – AB 1089 sponsors Brian Capra from Public Counsel Law Center and Sasha Stern from the Alliance for Children’s Rights presented on the bill. They described the need for the bill and gave two case stories of significant delays in regional center services affecting the development of infants with developmental delays. Connie Lapin expressed a concern about the ability to implement the bill within the timeline. They expressed an openness to work with ARCA and SEIU on the details of the legislation, to make it as practical as possible to meet the deadlines in the bill. There is a meeting scheduled with the opposition in late May.

Connie Lapin moved and Lisa Davidson seconded to recommend that the Council support AB 1089. The motion passed 6-0-0.

C. AB 1626 (Maienschein). Evelyn noted that DRC has changed its position on AB 1626 to support if amended to address the issue of subminimum wage. Mark noted that some members of the Employment First Committee expressed that concern, but the EFC took no action on the bill.

D. AB 1806 (Bloom), Homeless students. Homeless children and youth with exceptional needs, and other homeless students, will have protections during transfer and expulsion processes that are afforded foster youth.

Ray Ceragioli moved and Connie Lapin seconded to to recommend support of AB 1806 to the Council. The motion carried 6-0-0.

E. AB 2057 (Bonilla), Urgency legislation to waive a testing requirement, so students with significant disabilities would not be required to take two test in 2013/14 school year. No action was taken, as the Council could not act prior to passage.

F. SB 1046 (Beall), Penalties for Violations of Insurance Code. This bill would give the insurance commissioner the authority to assess penalties for violations of provisions in the insurance code for coverage of the diagnosis and treatment of severe mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and behavioral health treatment of pervasive developmental disorder and autism.

Connie Lapin moved and Ray Ceragioli seconded to recommend that the Council support SB 1046 (Beall). The motion passed 5-0-1, with Lisa Davidson abstaining.

G. SB 1093 Liu, (Equity). Evelyn Abouhassen explained that DRC is the sponsor of the bill. The bill covers four areas (1) RC performance contracts shall include objectives to increase utilization by underserved communities and a process to develop those objectives. (2) RCs shall keep prior year disparity data on their websites so the public can compare their performance to prior years. (3) RCs shall hold meetings with the public on their disparity data. The meetings shall not be a part of RC Board meetings and be at times and in places accessible to RC clients and their families. (4) Requires RD+Cs to fund independent living services for consumers living in their family home.

Ray Ceragioli moved and Connie Lapin seconded to recommend that the Council support SB 1093 (Liu). The motion passed 6-0-0.

H. SB 1396 (Hancock), Positive Behavior Intervention. This would create a statewide professional development effort to provide training in school wide positive behavior support. The Committee wanted more information to review at the May LPPC meeting. They especially wanted information on the type of training and the issue of equitable discipline, as opposed to individualized response to students' needs.

Ray Ceragioli moved and Jennifer Allen seconded to watch SB 1396. The motion passed 6-0-0.

I. SB 1428 (Evans), Land Use at SDC. The Committee asked for more information on the meaning of "Development of new or improved public or private core resident care facilities on the site." The bill will be considered at the next committee meeting.

J. Other Legislation.

The committee discussed AB 2041 (Jones) that would expand the definition of behavioral health treatment. The committee reviewed the opposition letter from ARCA. Connie Lapin moved and Lisa Davidson seconded to recommend that the Council support AB 2041. The motion passed 4-0-1.

The committee discussed AB 1753 (Holden) that would allow a regional center vendor to provide services in any regional center. The committee reviewed the ARCA opposition letter. Ray Ceragioli moved and Connie Lapin seconded to recommend that the Council support AB 1753. The motion passed 5-0-1

The committee discussed SB 922 (Knight) and AB 2349 (Yamada) and will discuss these bills further at the May 7 committee meeting.

11. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meetings will be May 7, June 11, and September 4 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Implementation of Self-Determination will be a standing agenda item. The May 7 meeting will include a discussion of the IHSS training ballot initiative. Parental fees will be revisited. Legislation to be reviewed will include SB 922 (Knight) and AB 1335 (Maienschein) on maximum penalties for sexual crimes against people with IDD; SB 1109 (Hueso) and AJR 36 (Gonzales) on subminimum wage; AB 2349 (Yamada)

and SB 1428 (Evans) on developmental centers; AB 1687 (Conway) on timely investigation;

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Lewis adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.